

obtain methyl 3-[3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenyl-2-vinylphenyl]propanoate (2.0 g, 87 %).

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 386, line 16 and ending at page 387, line 6 to read as follows:

3-[2-Ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]propanoic acid (250 mg, 0.67 mmol) obtained in the above was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL), and 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (130 mg, 0.67 mmol) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (100 mg, 0.67 mmol) were added thereto and stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Methanol solution (3.0 mL) of 7.0 mol/L ammonia was added to the reaction solution, and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Water was added to the reaction liquid, and extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated away under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified through preparative silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/n-hexane = 2/1) to obtain 3-[2-ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]propanamide (190 mg, 76 %).

² Please amend the paragraph starting at page 388, line 11 and ending at page 389, line ² to read as follows:

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2-[2-Ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]ethanal (88 mg, 0.26 mmol) obtained in the step 1 in Example 177 was dissolved in toluene (10 mL), and dimethyl malonate (0.059 mL, 0.52 mmol), piperidine (0.051 mL, 0.52 mmol) and acetic acid (0.060 mL, 1.0 mmol) were added thereto in order, and stirred at room temperature for

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19 hours. Water was put into the reaction liquid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with aqueous saturated sodium chloride solution, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated away under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified through preparative thin-layer silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 2/1) to obtain a mixture of methyl 4-[2-ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]-2-(methoxycarbonyl)but-2-enoate and dimethyl 2-{2-[2-ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxymethoxy)-6-phenylphenyl]vinyl}di-propanoate (about 1/1).

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 389, line 20 and ending at page 390, line 9 to read as follows:

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The mixture (20 mg, 0.054 mol) obtained in the above was added to diethyl ether suspension (50 mL) of lithium aluminium hydride (20 mg, 0.54 mol), and with cooling with ice, this was stirred for 1 hour, and then lithium aluminium hydride (24 mg, 0.64 mol) was added thereto and stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. 1.0 mol/L hydrochloric acid (4.0 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was washed with aqueous saturated sodium chloride solution, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated away under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified through preparative thin-layer column chromatography (chloroform/methanol = 9/1) to obtain Compound 213 (5.2 mg, 26 %) and Compound 214 (2.0 mg, 12 %).